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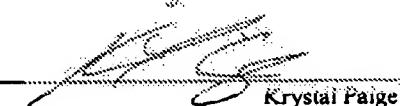
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NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

The issue fee payment filed on 11/16/07 has been received. Although the fee paid in the Notice of Allowance was paid, new patent fees went into effect on September 30, 2007 after the mailing date of the Notice. See the Sections 801 and 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). As stated in Section 803 of the Act, "the provisions of this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act... the provisions of section 801 shall apply to all patents, whenever granted, and to all patent applications pending on or filed after the effective date [September 30, 2007]. Because the issue fee was paid on or after September 30, 2007, the new issue fee was due instead of the amount specified in the Notice of Allowance."

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App. Type	Column A Issue Fee Req. large entity / small entity	Column B Issue Fee PAID	Balance Due. Col. A minus Col. B
UTILITY or REISSUE	\$1,440.00 / \$720.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 20.00
DESIGN	\$820.00 / \$410.00	\$	\$
PLANT	\$1,130.00 / \$565.00	\$	\$


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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee dated December 4, 2007, Applicant submits herewith a payment of \$20.00 to complete the issue fee due in the above patent application. Accordingly, Applicant is paying the amount of **\$20.00** through our **Deposit Account No. 503180**.

Respectfully submitted,

/Daniel S. Polley/
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